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In re Application of:  
Tor Jan Akerlund

Serial No.: 10/044,639

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For: Apparatus For Positioning  
A Tong And Drilling Rig  
Provided With Such An  
Apparatus

Group Art Unit: 3672

Examiner: Gay, Jennifer Hawkins

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
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Dear Sir:

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I hereby certify that this correspondence and the documents referred to as attached therein are being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the fax number indicated by the Examiner, namely, fax number 703-872-9306 to the attention of the named Examiner, on the date below.	
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 2, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 2, 2004, please enter this Response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0032.C1/WBP for any fees necessary to make the submission of this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.

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Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-24, 35-55, 57-62, and 64-69 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the same be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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